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For : BENDING APPARATUS, METHOD THEREOF, AND BENDING TOOL

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 and 365 based upon Japanese Application Nos. 2003-177586, filed June 23, 2003; 2004-151082, filed May 20, 2004; and 2004-166512, filed June 4, 2004. The International Bureau already should have sent certified copies of the Japanese applications to the United States designated office. If the certified copies have not arrived, please contact the undersigned.

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